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Subject: Forwarding Memorandum Commenting on Alleged
Revolutionary Activities against the Dominican
Republic.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.

CPA

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to the Embassy's despatch
No. 288 of April 29 commenting on two Memoranda of Conversa-
tion with Ambassador Thomen concerning alleged revolutionary
activities against the Dominican Republic and to enclose
herewith a memorandum embodying certain further comments
of the Military Attache in this Embassy.

Respectfully yours,

Charles R. Burrows
Charge d'Affaires, a.i.

Enclosure:
1/ Memo from Military
Attache

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29 April 1948

Memo to Mr. Burrows:

Subject: Border Activities.

1. Reference is made to Memorandum of Conversation dated 7 April 1948.

2. I learn that
 Inter-American Geodetic survey parties are operating at the following points along the border:

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SOLEIB (18 - 38 - 18 N; 71 - 51 - 16 W)
 NAPIE (18 - 42 - 40 N; 71 - 52 - 35 W)
 LIANE ROSEAU (18 - 47 - 02 N; 71 - 45 - 44 W)
 SAMPEDE (18 - 56 - 09 N; 71 - 46 - 45 W)
 MONTE FRIO (Approx. 19 - 15 - 00 N; 71 - 40 - 0 W)

These points are all on the Haitian side of the border. At each of these places the Geodetic crews - mixed Haitians and U. S. - have built, or are building, small wooden mounts for their surveying instruments - about the height of a normal tripod - and have cleared sight directions through the underbrush.

3. At Pedernales, (Approx. 18 - 12 - 0 N; 71 @ 44 - 0 W), the point where Haiti and RD join at the Southern coast, there is an airfield on both sides of the border. Dominican army planes visit there almost every day and Haitian planes less frequently. Dominican pilots have stated that they sometimes find it impossible to avoid flying over Haitian territory at this point.

4. The Haitians are doing preliminary work on an irrigation and hydro electric project on the Artibonite River. This river forms the border for a short distance between approx. 18 - 58 - 0 N; 71 - 52 - 30 W and 19 - 1 - 0 N; 71 - 48 - 30 W.

5. No information is available regarding the other points, or activities mentioned in the Memo of Conversations. However, I am taking steps to secure additional details of activities on both sides of the border.

S/ Nathan A. Brown, Mil Attache

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